

Wakefield Rallies To Win Over Generals For 4th In Row

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Wakefield won its fourth game in five starts yesterday afternoon by nabbing a 15-7 victory at Washington-Lee's Jayvee on the clutch hitting of second baseman Sonny Riley, who was making his first appearance in a varsity uniform, and 7 unearned runs in the last inning.

Trailing by a 7-3 margin in the top of the fifth inning, Wakefield turned on its newly-found power to lash out four hits and five runs to gain an 8-7 edge.

Don Baldwin led off for the War-

riors in the big fifth with a double to left field. After Doc Kugler fouled out to Lowell Martin on first base, Ken Darling drove a long ball over the right field fence for a ground-rule double which scored Baldwin.

Henry Mayo drew a base on balls and Frank Stevens followed with another two-bagger on an infield error which brought Darling across the plate.

After Ricky Schlapkohl grounded out to the pitcher, rookie Sonny Riley came through with a sharp single to left field which drove in Mayo and Stevens. Riley himself scored a moment later when pitcher Dennis Hill, who had relieved Bob Stauffer in the fourth inning, banded a hit to center field.

Hill kept the Washington-Lee bats quite the rest of the way, but the Warriors jumped all over Ronnie Gabriel, the fourth Little General to take to the mound, for a whopping 7 runs in the top of the seventh and final inning. Six of the runs were actually forced across the plate as Gabriel gave up seven walks in the inning.

It all started when Frank Stevens led off with a hit into left field, after which Ricky Schlapkohl reached first safely on a bunt. Sonny Riley slapped out a base

hit which loaded the bags with nobody out.

Dennis Hill wheedled the first walk of the big finale off of Gabriel to force Stevens across with the ninth Wakefield tally, and teammates Joe Morris, Don Baldwin, and Doc Kugler, followed with free passes.

Ken Darling struck out and Henry Mayo got tossed out at first, but the Little Generals stayed in hot water when Frank Stevens, Ricky Schlapkohl and Sonny Riley all got on base for the second time in the inning by more walks. Dennis Hill finally lifted a fly ball into left field to end the inning.

Washington-Lee fought back desperately in the bottom of the seventh when Skeeter Herring beat out an infield hit, but the Little Generals were retired a moment later on a double-play which ended the ball game.

Coach Chappy Marvin's Northsiders jumped to an early lead when Don Mergler led off by getting on base on an outfield error.

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Skeeter Herring followed with a base knock which moved Mergler to third. The Skeet was thrown out at second later when Jay Franklin was allowed to reach first on a fielder's choice, but Gene Sherman's sacrifice fly to left brought Mergler across with the first run of the ball game.

Wakefield bounced back in the top of the second frame when

Ricky Schlapkohl singled and Mert McGill, who started on the mound for the Warriors, beat out an infield hit. Joe Morris slammed out a double which brought home Schlapkohl. Don Baldwin lifted a ground-rule two-bagger into the right field bleachers and Doc Kugler sent a third double into left field to boost the Warriors into a 3-1 lead.

It was Washington-Lee's picnic in the fourth stanza as the Little Generals came up with 6 big runs to jump ahead 7-3.

Don Mergler led off with a double into center field and Skeeter Herring got to first when his blast into left field got by Wakefield's Don Baldwin.

Jay Franklin, who started out pitching for the Northsiders and finished up in right field, sent a long drive into the bleachers for another of the frequent ground-rule doubles to score Mergler.

Gene Sherman reached first on a wild throw by Sonny Riley, and Skeeter Herring scored in the meantime. Lowell Martin gained first on a fielder's choice which caught Sherman sliding into second, but Ronnie Wagner came through with still another ground-rule to drive in Wagner and move Martin to third.

Don Buckley scored Martin and Wagner with the fourth double and Rick Bryan lashed out the next two-bagger to bring in Buckley. Moments later Skeeter Herring grounded out to retire the side.

Wakefield					Washington-Lee J.V.				
	AB	R	H			AB	R	H	
Norris, cf	3	2	1		Mergler, ss	3	2	2	
Baldwin, lf	4	2	2		Herring, rf	3	1	2	
Kugler, ss	3	1	2		Franklin, p	3	1	1	
Darling, c	5	1	1		Sherman, cf	2	0	0	
Mayo, rf	4	1	0		Martin, lb	1	1	0	
Stevens, lb	3	2	1		Wagner, c	3	1	0	
Schlapkohl, 3b	4	2	2		Lucas, 3b	4	0	1	
Riley, 2b	4	2	2		Buckley, 2b	2	1	1	
McGill, p	1	1	1		Bryan, lf	0	0	0	
Stauffer, p	1	0	0		zNeff, p	3	0	1	
xxHill, p	2	1	1		Davies, p	0	0	0	
					Gabriel	0	0	0	
Totals	34	15	13		Totals	24	7	8	
xxStauffer relieved McGill in 3									
xxHill relieved Stauffer in 4									
zNeff relieved Franklin in 2									